

many programs. Throughout the county, thousands of low income families have received financial assistance from the Council to pay for child care so parents can work, knowing their children are not only in good hands but are truly thriving.

We salute the tireless work of the members of the Council's Board of Directors, Administration, and staff, both past and present and thank them for the enormous contribution to our community their efforts have made.

Today, we invite our colleagues to join us in honoring the Contra Costa Child Care Council on its 35th anniversary and on behalf of our children, families and communities, wish all continued success.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION ALLOWING INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF UNPASTEURIZED MILK

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce legislation that allows the shipment and distribution of unpasteurized milk and milk products for human consumption across state lines. This legislation removes an unconstitutional restraint on farmers who wish to sell or otherwise distribute, and people who wish to consume, unpasteurized milk and milk products.

Hard as it is to believe, the federal government is actually spending time and money prosecuting small businesses for the "crime" of meeting their customers' demand for unpasteurized milk! Recently the Food and Drug Administration conducted a year-long sting operation targeting Rainbow Acres Farms in Pennsylvania. As a result of this action, Rainbow Acres' customers will no longer be able to purchase unpasteurized milk from this small Amish farm.

Mr. Speaker, many Americans who the government wishes to deny the ability to purchase unpasteurized milk have done their own research and come to the conclusion that unpasteurized milk is healthier than pasteurized milk. These Americans have the right to consume these products without having the federal government second-guess their judgment about what products best promote health. If there are legitimate concerns about the safety of unpasteurized milk, those concerns should be addressed at the state and local level.

I urge my colleagues to join me in promoting individual rights, the original intent of the Constitution, and federalism by cosponsoring my legislation to allow the interstate shipment of unpasteurized milk and milk products for human consumption.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, today Members of this House took part in a debate that addressed the issue of using taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. As an original cosponsor of this legislation, I commend Mr. SMITH from New Jersey for his conviction in bringing this bill to the floor and for his leadership in the pro-life movement. Today, our debate extends the legacy of Congressman Henry J. Hyde, who was passionately pro-life and helped lay the foundation for the victory we celebrate today with the passage of H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

In light of this debate, I think we should all take time to reflect on a bold statement made by Mr. Hyde, a statement that was printed in the program at his funeral. I attended Congressman Hyde's funeral and was touched by the wisdom of his words. He said, "When the time comes as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God, and a terror will rip through your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world, and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him because he loved us,' and God will look at you and say not 'Did you succeed?' but 'Did you try?'" I hope we find comfort in knowing that yes, we are trying. We are fighting to defend and protect innocent human life, and we will not stop until every life—born and unborn—is protected.

DR. ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the RECORD on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Israel Zoberman. Dr. Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is also the president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors.

Dr. Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the RECORD regarding the 63rd anniversary of the State of Israel. Dr. Zoberman's statement follows:

The 63rd Anniversary of the State of Israel is celebrated against the backdrop of the monumental eruptions of Biblical proportions in the Arab world, further highlighting the uniqueness of the Jewish state in the Middle East where the historical Jewish people came to make a difference for the entire human family, through its transforming gifts of the spirit and unparalleled endurance.

The unfolding events make it amply clear that Israel is a flourishing and enviable democratic oasis surrounded by a vast wilderness that is crying for change. We are witness to an amplified echo of the ancient Israelites' inspiring saga of the Exodus, ironically from Egypt's House of Bondage, instructing humanity through the ages to uphold freedom and responsibility as non-negotiable divine gifts worthy of sacrifice.

This most noble mandate of replacing degradation with dignity is reverberating throughout a troubled and stagnant Arab world that has for so long been lagging behind the West's progress, suffering from long-standing neglect manifested in poverty, illiteracy, and the lack of economic and social mobility, under authoritarian rule of fear and intimidation with corrupt leaders unaccountable for the public welfare. All that is being challenged in a world becoming an interconnected and interdependent global village with sophisticated communication that can mobilize the masses like never before.

However, there is a looming threat that extreme groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood and Al Qaeda will take advantage of the unrest for their own purposes, for they loathe a representative democracy and the West as a whole, rejecting the idea and presence of a Jewish state. After all, democracy thrives best with well-developed democratic institutions requiring time and experience, which rely upon progressive education that respects and fosters human rights as well as women's rights anchored in law.

The peace treaties that Israel established with both Egypt and Jordan should be enhanced and fortified by responding to Israel's yearning for closer cooperation in all endeavors in a context of a "warm" peace. This historic crossroads is an opportune and urgent time for all Arab and Muslim states to finally join Israel in peace to transform in tandem the Middle East, that the cradle of Western civilization may be renewed as a flowing source of Shalom's blessings. Let the campaign cease to delegitimize and demonize the only sovereign Jewish state in the world through economic and culture boycotts, utilizing the twin evils of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. The attempt to thus divert attention from the Arab states' dire predicaments of bankrupt regimes has pointedly proven fruitless and counter-productive.

It should be amply clear now that Israel is the only democratic and stable ally that the United States enjoys in a critical part of the world, through a special bond reflecting shared values and commitments, and whose steadfast preservation and cultivation is essential for both model free nations with heroic legacies leading pluralistic societies.

In the present complex scenario Iran's dangerous role should not be lost as it is poised to take advantage of the transitional uncertainty of the Arab world. Iran's tyrannical theocracy, whose leaders are Holocaust deniers, remains a mortal threat to the free world, still insisting on acquiring a nuclear capability to conclude what Pharaoh began and Hitler almost accomplished.

Iran's proxy, Hamas, refusing to release Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit who is both an Israeli and French citizen, after more than five years in isolated captivity, the cold-blooded murder of five members of the Fogel family in Itamar, including an infant, the bombing in Jerusalem, and the relentless rocket and mortar, also on a school bus, from Gaza, do not reflect peaceful Palestinian intentions. Let Hezbollah, Iran and Syria's proxy in Lebanon, know along with all of Israel's adversaries, that the Jewish state will fight to ensure that its divine promise of survival is never withdrawn, even as it struggles for Shalom's sake of healing, hope and harmony.